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SUBJECT: SEALING OF MEAT LOCKERS: SITUATION UPDATE

REF: (A) STATE 274801 (DTG 082220Z NOV 76), (B) STATE 73260 (DTG 021857Z APR 77)

1. AS DEPART AWARE, MEAT LOCKER ISSUE WAS INITIALLY TAKEN UP WITH GNZ IN AIDE-MEMOIRE OF NOVEMBER 19, 1976. FROM BEGINNING KEY HURDLE TO BE CLEARED IN RESOLVING PROBLEM HAS BEEN MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND ITS INSISTENCE ON CERTAIN QUARANTINE PROCEDURES ABOARD ALL SHIPS IN NEW ZEALAND PORTS IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE COUNTRY'S CRITICALLY IMPORTANT AGRICULTURE SECTOR. SINCE LAST NOVEMBER, EMBASSY HAS EXCHANGED ADDITIONAL YNCR# WITH MFA ON NUMBER OF OCCASIONS.

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2. EMLIVS CONTACTED HEAD OF AMERICAS DIVISION, MFA (PLIMMER) MA6 31 FOR UPDATE ON MEAT LOCKER ISSUE. PLIMMER ADVISED THAT: (A) WORKING LEVELS OF MFA AND MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE HAVE HAMMERED OUT AN AGREED POSITION; (B) THE DEPARTURE OVERSEAS OF SENIOR MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE OFFICIAL HAS TEMPORARILY DELAYED FINALIZATION OF WORKING LEVEL AGREEMENT AS A GNZ POSITION AND ITS COMMUNICATION TO EMBASSY VIA DIPLOMATIC NOTE;

(C) MFA HOPES TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE WRITTEN RESPONSE WITHIN NEXT TWO WEEKS; (D) AGREED POSITION WILL NOT ACCEPT US POSITION IN ENTIRETY BUT, IN PLIMMER'S OPINION, WILL "MEET BASIC NEEDS OF US NAVY WHILE PROTECTING IMPORTANT ELEMENTS OF GNZ POSITION." PLIMMER FURTHER SPECULATED THAT US NAVY WILL FIND SUGGESTED FORMULA SATISFACTORY.

3. EMBASSY WILL AWAIT WRITTEN TEXT BEFORE OFFERING JUDGEMENT AND WILL PROVIDE TEXT TO DEPARTMENT ASAP.

4. IN MEANTIME, AMBASSADOR WILL SEEK OPPORTUNITY TO RAISE ISSUE WITH PRIME MINISTER MULDOON THIS WEEK IN APIA, WESTERN SAMOA, (WHERE BOTH ARE ATTENDING INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS) IN EFFORT TO ASSURE MATTER STAYS ON TRACK TOWARD SATISFACTORY RESOLUTION.
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